

Compound Subjects and Verbs

2f. A **compound subject** consists of two or more subjects that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same verb.

EXAMPLE Is there a **hammer** or a **screwdriver** in that toolbox?

2g. A **compound verb** consists of two or more verbs that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same subject.

EXAMPLE The laundry **has been taken** out of the dryer and **folded**.

Both the subject and the verb of a sentence may be compound.

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, underline each part of the subject once and each part of the verb twice.

Example 1. The children and their parents lined up and waited for the contest to begin.

1. Will the players and their team captain introduce themselves?
2. The four boys ran to the line, picked up a stick, and raced back to the start.
3. Jeanette and her brother will be at choir practice early.
4. Did you feed the cats and change their water?
5. Are Maía and Paula rehearsing tonight?
6. The members of the committee discussed the proposition and then voted against it.
7. We washed the vegetables, sliced them, and then cooked them with spices.
8. Ducks, geese, and swans were swimming around the large lake.
9. Luigi doesn't swim, run, or cycle very often.
10. Florentine painted a picture of black doves and hung it in the living room.
11. The book and the movie were equally dull.
12. Bob and Geno put on their helmets and rode their bikes.
13. Dietrich studied hard for his exam and made a high grade.
14. Are the cardinals and blue jays visible from here?
15. Sasha and Boris played a hard game of tennis and then swam in the lake.
16. The tourists took photographs, asked questions, and looked around curiously.
17. Jacqui washed the clothes, hung them to dry, and folded them neatly.
18. We listened to the song and asked the singer many questions about it.
19. Will the coach teach us a new drill and practice it with us?
20. When will the crew and passengers board the plane?